

WESTEND Initiative

Project Update

Community Meeting
May 2023

What is BCJI?

- Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI)
- Grant distributed by the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance
- BCJI projects should include:
 - Leveraging community knowledge and expertise for crime reduction
 - Local partners to support prevention and intervention

Sustainable reductions in serious and violent crime require collaboration among partners in the criminal justice system, service providers and communities they serve





BCJI Model



Place-based Strategy

- Focus on a specific location within a community to direct resources
- Enhance environment factors to prevent crime concerns



Community Engagement

- Leadership from community
- Self determination and supportive strategies



Build Partnerships & Enhance Trust

- Cross-sector partnerships
- Trust among partners, community, and police

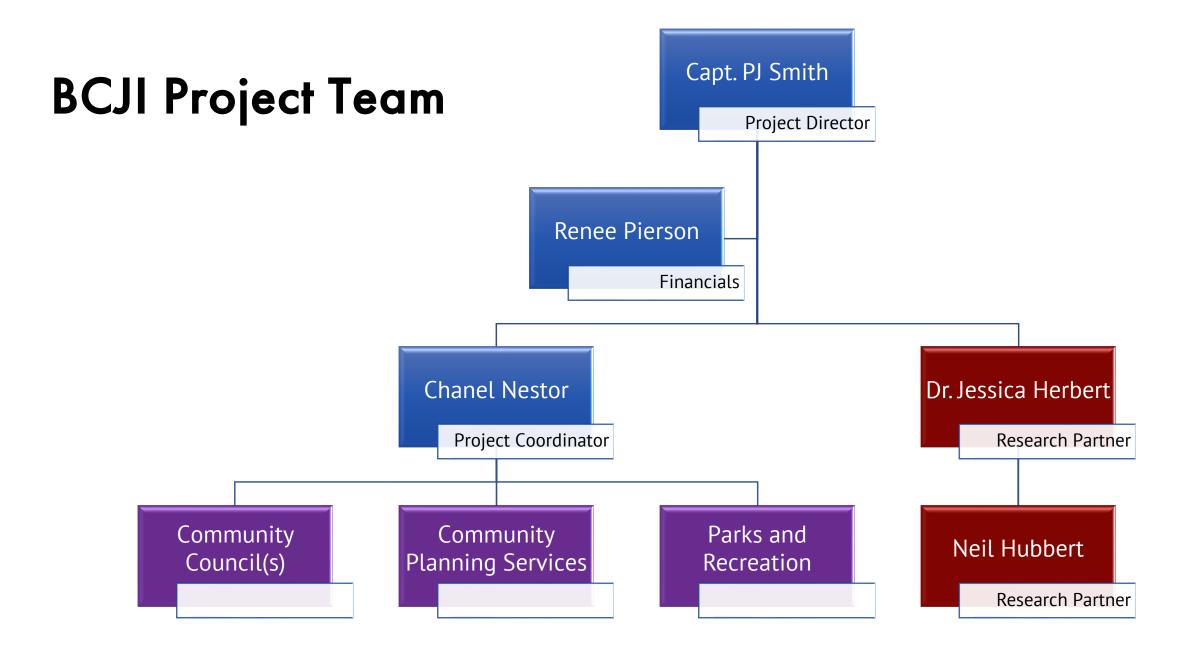


Data & Evidence Driven

- Understanding gaps in services, strategies, and partners
- Evidence-based solutions and programs











BCJI Research Partner: IDEA Analytics



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IDEA Analytics is a strategic advising and analytical service partner for local government, public safety, and nonprofits. We provide program management, research and evaluation, and implementation support for organizations and communities seeking solutions to complex social concerns. IDEA believes implementing equitable, reliable, and innovative practices within service operations can benefit everyone in our communities.



BCJI in Salisbury



Place-based Strategy

- West End
- Housing, public spaces, City property
- Transportation
- Crime prevention and intervention



Community Engagement

- Assistance that would allow for community involvement and empowerment
- Funding for youth and adult programming



Build Partnerships & Enhance Trust

- SPD's collaboration in the West End
- Partners with City Planning, Parks and Rec, NAACP, Community College



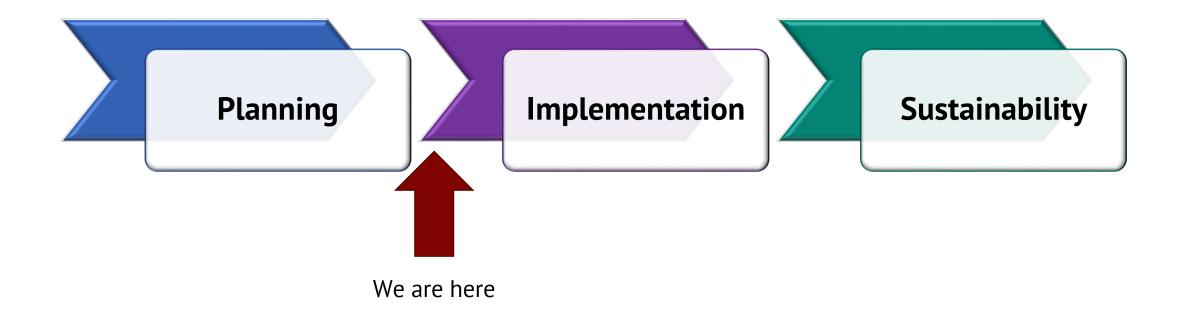
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- Community impacted by violence
- Gaps in services for the community





Three Required Phases of a BCJI Grant









Bringing BCJI to Salisbury

West

End

Salisbury

Transformed

Empowered

Neighborhood

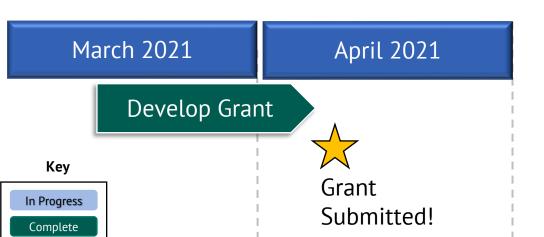
Development

Grant Development Team

- SPD Captain PJ Smith
- SPD Management Analyst Renee Pierson
- IDEA Analytics Dr. Jessica Herbert
- Community Planning Services Hannah Jacobson
- Parks and Recreation Nick Aceves

Grant Community Support

- Rowan-Cabarrus Community College
- NAACP President Gemale Black



A lot of waiting, hope, planning, readiness...

December 2021

Notification of Award





BCJI Goals and Expected Outcomes

Establish community-led council(s)

- Assist the planning team in identifying needs, services, and/or programs
- Support decision making on implementing or enhancing services and programs

Use grant funding to jump-start or enhance programs and services

- Informed by community needs
- Detailed sustainability plans

Community violence intervention plans and actions

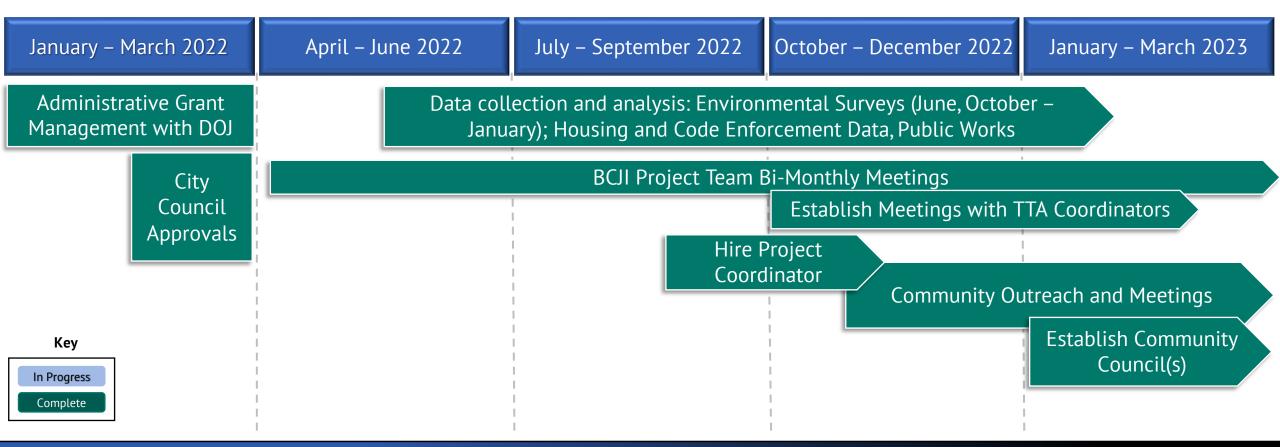
- Increased community collaboration
- Measured impacts to individuals and neighborhood





Time to get to work!

Year 1 Progress







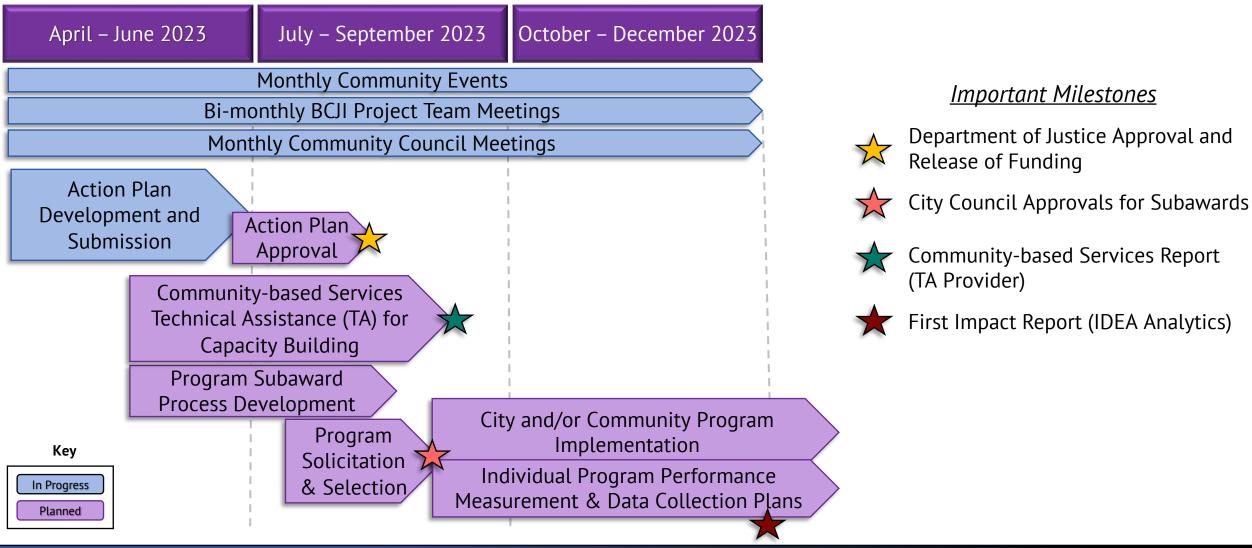
Neighborhood Environmental Surveys and Data Collection

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What is next? Implementation!









Questions?

Thank you for the continued collaboration.

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